

Private Flying

# FROM the CLUBS and SCHOOLS

**LONDON**

ONE hundred and six hours' flying was put in last week and Mr. Cunning completed the tests for his "A" licence. New members included Mrs. Fremantle, Mme. L. Davidona, and Messrs. Brian Aherne and O. H. Gutekunst.

**BARTON (BEDS)**

The second summer dance of the Bedford School of Flying will be held on June 23. New members were Miss Pat Bedford, F.O. Welsh, D.F.C., and Capt. Hailstone.

**REDHILL**

Two machines went to the Dieppe Rally and flying—55 hr. 30 min.—was well up to average. A dawn patrol is being planned for Sunday next, June 19. Three new members joined.

**BORDER**

The recent improvement in the weather has allowed flying times to increase somewhat, and for the first week in June 22 hr. 10 min. was flown. The Fox Moth is very popular for joy-rides and charter work, and one day 64 passengers were taken up.

**NORTHAMPTON**

Club flying was well above the average last week and several new members have joined. At the Four-Clubs Competition at Brooklands on Sunday, June 19, Northampton will be represented by Messrs. C. F. Slow, L. H. Wood and A. N. Other.

**YORKSHIRE**

For the first ten days of June 144 hr. 30 min. was flown, and of this total 98 hr. 30 min. was put in last week. Nearly 1,000 people took joy-rides in the Short Scion during the Whitsun week-end. The club fleet has now been increased by the addition of a new Leopard Moth.

**EASTBOURNE**

A forced-landing competition was held on Sunday, the winner being Mr. T. G. Stuble, who received a silver bowl presented by Mr. Milward. Forty-eight hours were flown during the week ended June 12 and three new flying members were enrolled. The building of the new clubhouse is progressing and this will be ready towards the end of July. The official opening date is fixed for August 20.

**CINQUE PORTS**

During the week four members were successful in obtaining their "A" licences—Messrs. H. E. Chambers, M. D. Crichton-Stuart, D. Watt and C. R. Lilburn—while Mr. Brice and Mr. Walker completed successful first solos. Mr. Macconochie, a recent newcomer, hired the Leopard Moth for a trip to Cannes, while other members have also taken advantage of the good weather to fly to the Continent, and a total of 94 hours were flown.

**BROOKLANDS**

Final instructions have now been issued from Brooklands Flying Club for the Four-Club At Home to be held next week-end. Visiting machines on Saturday must land by 3.20 p.m. A tea patrol from 2.30 until 3.15, with prizes of two free teas, will be followed by demonstrations of eleven machines, including the Dutch Schelde-musch, and a display by veterans such as the Sopwith Pup, Hanriot and Bleiot. On Sunday the long-heralded Four-Club Competition will be held. Last week 109 hours' flying was done.

**LEICESTER**

Although the bad weather delayed the programme for Empire Air Day an amendment was made and the display was quite a success. A dance and cruising party was held in the clubhouse on May 6, and 140 members and their friends spent an amusing evening. A realistic cruising atmosphere was maintained and appropriate cruising kit was worn by the guests. Besides their social activities the Leicestershire Aero Club have made twenty-seven cross-countries to fourteen different aerodromes, and for the month of May 143 hr. 20 min. of members' time was spent in the air. Miss D. Martin and Messrs. H. Miller and D. Palmer made their first solo flights.

### Pilota Picnic

THE Automobile Association and the Royal Aero Club are again co-operating with the Magyar Touring Club in the arrangements for the annual "Pilota Picnic"—the fifth of the series—to be held in Hungary from June 25 to July 1.

A most attractive illustrated booklet, with a detailed timetable of the arrangements, photographs of scenes *en route*, and a map of the area covered, may be obtained from the A.A. by all members holding air touring cards.

### A Cannes Rally

ON July 14 and 15 the Aéro-Club De Cannes is organising a rally which will itself be purely a test of navigation. Each entrant will be handed a sealed envelope containing information about the course and the necessary maps, and he will then have fifteen minutes in which to work things out;

**STRATHTAY**

High winds and rain storms cut down the total flying to 12 hours for the week ended June 5. Nevertheless, Mr. David Walker flew his first solo.

**READING**

Good weather and the use of the Magister have increased the flying times, although the Hawk Major is having its C. of A. The Whitney Straight visited Bristol on June 11.

**MIDLAND**

The flying times for the month of May were dual, 60.05 hr.; solo and passenger, 80.20 hr. Messrs. D. H. Gittins and G. W. B. Austin passed their "A" licence tests. Several cross-country flights were carried out.

**NEWCASTLE**

Although flying was hindered by local fog and low clouds 175 hours were logged for May. First solos were made by Messrs. H. M. Richardson and T. Pack Beresford, while "A" licence tests were completed by Messrs. A. C. L. Barrett and P. S. Taylor.

**HAMBLE**

As a result of the efforts of Air Service Training, Ltd., at Hamble and Ansty Schools it is hoped to send over £200 to the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund in respect of Empire Air Day. Thirty R.A.F. pilots are receiving special navigation training and the new long-course has just commenced for civil pilots.

**MARSHALL'S**

Cross-countries to Lowestoft, Norwich, Leamington, etc., were included in the flying total of 98 hr. 20 min. for last week. Messrs. Smith and Frederickson made their first solo flights and have now completed their "A" licence tests. Other "A" licensees were Mr. Wingfield and P.C. Garner, the latter of the Cambridge Constabulary. Mr. Nabih made cross-country flights for his "B."

**C.A.S.C.**

Last Sunday the Corps held an Open Day at Cambridge aerodrome, when visitors and the general public were invited. After an arrival competition, won by F.O. Robinson, from Northolt, there were demonstrations of various machines. The landing competition for Corps members was won by Mr. J. G. Arrow, and a demonstration of formation and individual flying was given by the local R.A.F.V.R.

**HAMPSHIRE**

Two members of the Hampshire School of Flying, Messrs. Clive Bayley and G. H. Jackson, are travelling to New Guinea in a Fox Moth. They left Southampton on June 2, arriving at Brindisi on June 4, and had reached Baghdad by June 7. Although high winds prevented instructional flying during the Whitsun week-end, 57 hr. 45 min. was spent in the air last week. Mr. R. J. A. Hamer and Sub. Lt. G. R. Greaves made their first solos.

**HANWORTH**

Another feather in the cap of the London Air Park Flying Club was the first place secured by Mr. James Rush (chairman) in the Tynwald Race. Mr. S. T. Lowe's contribution was mentioned last week. The Twickenham Aviation Club has now commenced operations and four members are taking instruction. A flying total of 110 hr. 5 min. was logged for the week ended June 12, and Mr. Woodward, of the Midland Bank Flying Club, completed his "A" licence tests.

**HERTS AND ESSEX**

The observers' cross-country competition was held last Sunday, the event being one where the observer in the front cockpit read the map to the specified pin-points and instructed his pilot by headphones as to the route to follow. Landing and time factors were taken into account in addition to the correct discovery of the pin-points. The result was: Mr. R. C. Sankey (pilot) and Mr. Kench (observer), first; Mr. L. F. P. Walters (pilot) and Mr. Griffiths (observer), second; and Mr. J. Dutoit (pilot) and Mr. J. Perrin (observer), third.

the primary idea on which the competition is based will be that of flying the course as near as possible to a previously declared average speed.

During, before and after the Rally, however, all entrants and passengers will be entertained by the organising clubs, so that the affair becomes a holiday trip with a little competition flying as an incidental.

### Really Inexpensive

THE County Flying Club of Leicester have recently introduced a scheme by which pilots' licences may be obtained for as little as £10. The sum must be paid in advance, and the maximum permitted flying time is fifteen hours, after which it is paid for at the normal club rates, which are, in any case, very low. Applicants are limited to selected males between the ages of 17 and 45, and the questionnaire for these applicants is such as to ensure that the pupils are the type which might at least be useful in case of national emergency.